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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 27, 2008. Applicant elects the invention directed to the embodiment of Figure 4, which also encompasses Figures 3 and 5. The claims readable on this embodiment and elected herein are claims 1-12 and 34-35. The Examiner's indication that claims 1 and 13 have been found to be generic is noted. Upon allowance of a generic claim, withdrawal of the election requirement will be appropriate.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims. Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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